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Atty. General John Ashcroft
US Dept. of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Ave. N. W.
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Microsoft has been amongst those great American technology companies that have helped America become the world's leader in software. The antitrust case brought against Microsoft three years ago by the Justice Department was certainly a disappointment, however I am pleased to see a settlement was agreed to in this case.

Unfortunately the settlement has not been satisfactory to some. Anti-Microsoft elements have been attempting to get this settlement removed because it is deemed not destructive enough to Microsoft. However, the settlement is good and will create positive changes. The settlement forces Microsoft to disclose code and interfaces to competitors, a never-before-taken step. With this information, non-Microsoft firms will be able to design and create more choices in software for the consumer. For the anti-Microsoft elements this does not suffice because they would like to see Microsoft face a more injurious verdict.

The purpose of the case was not to harm Microsoft, but to create more competition. This should be and is reflected in the current settlement. Ending this case now is imperative.

Sincerely,



cc: Senator Rick Santorum